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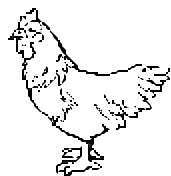
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were higher when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Demand into all channels covered the full range, but was mostly moderate to good aided by retail ads, fast food promotions, and seasonal interests. Supplies were well balanced to closely cleared. In spot areas, problems with deliveries were being reported due to lack of transportation. In the parts structure, trading was fair to good. Bone-in breasts were tight, boneless skinless breasts were balanced to close, wings were at least adequate, and the remaining items were usually sufficient for trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05/06/02-05/11/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	51.00-53.00	52.06	16	53.71	35
Chicago	45.00-48.00	48.40	48	50.13	86
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	52.55	21
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	56.60	10
Denver	67.50	67.42	18	66.80	21
Detroit	46.00-49.00	48.70	10	53.22	42
Los Angeles	68.00	65.53	72	63.67	139
New York	47.00-49.00	48.59	22	52.22	52
Philadelphia	47.00-49.00	47.36	11	48.69	24
Pittsburgh	47.00-49.50	48.70	10	54.58	56
St. Louis	47.50-47.75	47.22	19	49.28	36
San Francisco	68.50	67.48	30	65.59	38

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	05/06/02	Change/Last Wk	04/29/02	05/07/01
560	55.83	1.99	53.84	59.108

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	52.00-52.50	51.91	34
Central	48.00-57.00	53.26	66
West	52.00-61.50	56.74	52

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	61.50-63.00	62.36	85
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,164	47.00-64.75	61.85

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	179.50	1,365
BREASTS - B/S	150.00	4,903
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.50	1,147
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.50	780
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	9,696
WINGS	62.00	3,434

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity was about moderate entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of the 2.5 to 3 pound birds were in good balance, heavier birds were at least sufficient, but clearing well. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate, with seasonal business providing the best draw. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. Bone-in breasts remained tight and boneless-skinless breasts were closely cleared. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Tenderloins and wings were readily available.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand following the weekend was fair to good with improved trading and increased interest for retail ads and fast food specials. Supplies were no more than adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to good. Breast items were close to tight of a continuously active call, and leg items were sufficient. Wings were readily available with mixed, but mostly light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was firm with reported trading for this week's deliveries at mainly higher prices. Offerings were generally adequate. Buying activity was moderate at best as they replenish inventory. Demand decreased somewhat after the holiday festivities but was moderate overall. Dealers reported fairly good weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's deliveries - leg quarters bulk 20.5-26 and 4/10s mainly 23.5, drumstick bulk and 8/5s in the mid to high 30s, breast bone-in 84-92 and boneless random weights 137-148, boneless thigh meat mainly 80. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 53.26 up .91 with the volume reported up 30 percent to 34 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices for this week's deliveries increased in all areas with Ohio TFEWR. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady to firm for the light offerings. Movement into all channels was irregular, light to good, mostly moderate. Retail features, catering and fast food promotions provided best demand. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights desirable. Parts trading was fair, but tapering somewhat. Whole breasts were tight with supplies of other items sufficient for trade needs. The market tone was fully steady to firm on whole breasts, about steady on leg quarters, barely steady to weak on wings and tenders and steady on remainder.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good. Seller offerings were adequate to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, supplies of bone-in breasts remained tight. Wings continued readily available. Other cuts were generally adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	45-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	52.16
NO. OF BOXES	10,878

\*8 of 8 plants reporting:

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was fairly good over weekend and fair to moderate entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of bone-in breasts remained tight. Boneless-skinless breasts were in good balance. Legs and leg quarters were sufficient. Tenderloins and wings were readily available. Movement through the retail sector ranged moderate to good with feature activity stimulating the best draw, and weekend clearances through distributive channels was at least moderate to fairly good. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on bone-in breasts, fully steady on boneless-skinless breasts, barely steady to weak on tenderloins and wings, and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
NEGOTIATED TRADING	AVG	/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	145-150	145.42	403,240
TENDERLOINS	115-120	122.17	106,260
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	85.13	180,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	84.17	107,720
LEGS	32-33	35.84	150,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	19.87	464,692
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	33.59	101,040
THIGHS	25-26	31.24	69,150
B/S THIGHS	76-77	82.39	50,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	55-56	57.03	429,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.74	22,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	20.90	12,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	43.75	23,280

INCLUDES NY CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,844	120.00-145.00	130-135	135.17
TENDERLOINS	213	118.00-197.00	-	139.94
BREAST - WITH RIBS	242	75.00-85.00	79-83	79.80
FRONT HALVES	480	57.00-63.00	59-60	59.83
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,333	15.00-19.00	15-16	15.56
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,078	16.00-20.00	19-20	19.04
WINGS (WHOLE)	174	45.00-77.00	-	51.04
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,761	22.00-37.00	22-22.5	22.30

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/06	05/02	05/02	04/29	04/25
ALA	4,060	3,948	5.03	4,004	4.99
ARK	5,367	5,299	4.80	5,223	4.76
DELMARVA	2,345	2,348	5.20	2,304	5.14
KY-LA-TN	2,054	2,038	4.54	2,020	4.51
MISS	2,818	2,846	5.21	2,678	5.55
NC	2,664	2,641	6.05	2,565	5.99
TEXAS	2,426	2,497	4.80	2,456	4.87
TOTAL	21,734	21,617	5.07	21,250	5.09
MON	21,734(A)			21,250(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-May 2002 is estimated to be 32,517,000 up 1.97 percent from a week ago and up 3.89 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,888,000, last year 31,298,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
BREAST - B/S	713	136.00-221.00	140-145	145.43
TENDERLOINS	275	120.00-195.00	122-126	140.90
BREAST - LINE RUN	116	78.00-81.00	78-79	78.91
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	89	26.00-37.00	27-28	27.11
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	326	15.50-19.00	16-17	16.47
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,290	18.00-26.00	19-21	20.38
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	50.00-67.00	61-63	63.74
WINGS (CUT)	434	67.00-81.00	69-70	71.65
DRUMSTICKS	89	37.00-46.00	-	37.91
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAY 06, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.25 - 42.50	39.99	39.52

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 06-MAY - 10-MAY 2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	135.00 - 152.00	143.00 - 145.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	76.00 - 95.00	80.00 - 86.00
LEGS	29.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 26.00	18.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	28.00 - 43.00	-
THIGHS	24.00 - 42.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	47.00 - 66.00	50.00 - 55.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 47.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	76-79
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	79-83
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	86
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589
<b>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)</b>	
FRESH FRYERS	90-92
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-94
	DRY PACK	95-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94-98
	DRY PACK	
DUCKS		152-166

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

03-MAY-2002				
CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50	15.80	217,800	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.50	15.80		

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —**  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	11.50-15.00	12.75-13.50	960,000	320,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.37	13.25		
15-20%				
RANGE	9.00-12.50	9.00-13.00	1,494,646	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	11.97	11.55		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with current schedules providing adequate supplies. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-MAY-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11.75	8.25-9	9.03

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

03-MAY-2002				
CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —**  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	12.00-13.00	11.00-12.00	345,600	162,000
WTD AVERAGE	12.89	11.75		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-12.00	9.00-12.00	1,672,800	122,400
WTD AVERAGE	11.50	10.01		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	9.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		9.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for the adequate to mostly fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-MAY-02.

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-10.5	8.5-9.5	8.74
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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